Bill

Appropriations

- HF 2554
- Relates to the use of moneys appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for purposes of tire-related initiatives established in Code chapter 455D. Provides that 20 percent of the moneys received from the certificate of title surcharge, established in Code section 321.52A, be deposited in the Waste Tire Management Fund, with the remainder deposited in the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF). Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2007, all moneys received from the certificate of title surcharge be deposited in the RUTF. The bill also repeals Code section 9B.1, relating to the registration of waste tire haulers by the Secretary of State, and moves the program to Code chapter 455D, under the DNR.
- HF 2582
- Appropriates funds from federal block grants and other federal grants to various state agencies. Section 56 appropriates funds to the DOT for the airport improvement program; highway research, plan and construction; motor carrier safety assistance; local rail service assistance; and urban mass transportation.
- HF 2614
- Makes appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund, Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund, and Environment First Fund to various state agencies, including the DOT. Provides \$1,100,000 for vertical infrastructure improvements at Iowa's commercial service airports and specifies the distribution formula; \$581,400 for an aviation hangar grant program for improvements at general aviation airports within the state; and \$2,000,000 for state recreational trails. Requires the DOT to conduct a study concerning close clearance warning devices near railroad tracks and report the findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2003.

Bill

HF 2623

Relates to the compensation and benefits for public officials and employees, including making appropriations from the General Fund, Road Use Tax Fund, and Primary Road Fund to the Salary Adjustment Fund. Includes provisions related to health insurance incentive programs, the Terminal Liability Health Insurance Fund, and the distribution of the Code of Iowa and other legal publications. Includes various statutory and session law changes, corrective amendments, and adjustments to FY 2003 appropriations. (Sections 18-21 and sections 33-35, relating to the use of credit cards for payments owed the state, and sections 66-67, reducing the standing appropriation to the DOT for FY 2002 public transit assistance, were among the sections which were item vetoed by the Governor.)

HF 2625

Relates to the FY 2002 state budget by making, reducing, and transferring appropriations, and adjusting other expenditures. Includes effective and retroactive applicability dates. Section 17 transfers \$347,000 previously appropriated from the General Fund to the DOT for aviation purposes to the Department of Human Services for FY 2002 medical assistance reimbursement. Amends statutory language related to various reserve funds, including the Economic Emergency Fund and the Cash Reserve Fund. Sections 50 and 51 establish a sick leave and vacation incentive program for FY 2003. Passed during Special Session on May 28, 2002.

HF 2626i

Makes transportation and infrastructure-related appropriations to the DOT, including moneys from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) and the Primary Road Fund. Provides that, as of July 1, 2004, the standing appropriation for public transit assistance shall be credited directly to the DOT from motor vehicle use tax revenues credited to the RUTF, rather than first being credited to the General Fund and then appropriated to the DOT. Passed during Special Session on May 28, 2002.

Bill

HF 2627

Referred to as the "FY 2003 Omnibus II - Second Special Session" appropriations bill, this Act makes General Fund and other appropriations to state departments, agencies, and funds; reduces and transfers appropriations; and includes statutory changes. Further limits or reduces various standing appropriations for FY 2003. Section 11 directs the Department of Management to study the reorganization of administrative services within state government, identify areas where duplicative services are performed, and report to the General Assembly by December 2, 2002. Sections 183 and 184 relate to the standing appropriation for public transit assistance for FY 2003. Division XI relates to state employees, provides for General Fund salary reductions including the use of furloughs, eliminates certain vacant FTE positions, relates to printed copies of reports required by law, establishes a Program Elimination Commission to review all programs and functions that receive state or local government moneys and report by December 31, 2002, and makes other changes. Passed during Special Session on May 28, 2002.

SF 2304

Transfers the unspent balances of various appropriations from previous fiscal years to the General Fund, including \$5.5M appropriated to the DOT for recreational trails and \$360,000 appropriated to the Aviation Hangar Revolving Loan Fund. Reduces the appropriations made from the General Fund to the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the state for Fiscal Year 2002, and provides for certain exemptions. The Act took effect upon enactment.

SF 2326

Referred to as the "FY 2003 Omnibus" appropriations bill, this Act makes General Fund and other appropriations to state departments, agencies, and funds; reduces and transfers appropriations; and includes statutory changes. Limits or reduces various standing appropriations for FY 2003. States that public transit assistance funds appropriated to the DOT for FY 2003 shall not exceed \$8,669,871. (Note: Most of the funding appropriated in this Act, with the exception of moneys for education and child health, was item vetoed by the Governor.)

Bill#

Highway

- HF 582 Relates to the division and development of land, including subdivision plats, plats of survey, annexation and other boundary adjustments. HF 2310 Relates to vendor contracts for the statewide underground facility notification center, more commonly known as one-call. Allows the board to extend a vendor contract for up to three additional years. HF 2317i Allows advertising devices to be placed along interstate highways in areas that are currently zoned and used for commercial or industrial purposes. Takes effect July 1, 2004 and requires the DOT to adopt rules. HF 2341 Relates to electric transmission lines, and includes roadways as one of the preferred routes for electric lines. SF 144 Requires contracts awarded by the DOT for the construction or maintenance of highways to include provisions for the restoration of specified critical areas of the project by replacement of salvaged topsoil, by fertilizing and mulching if necessary, or by other appropriate measures to provide vegetative cover to prevent erosion. Specifies certain exemptions. SF 2192i Relates to highway and motor vehicle transportation policy,
 - Relates to highway and motor vehicle transportation policy, including changes related to condemnation, the quadrennial need study of public roads, government markers, the issuance of driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards, motor vehicle accident reports, livestock vehicles, proof of financial responsibility, annual permits for overdimensional and overweight vehicles with indivisible loads, motor vehicle dealers, and commercial vehicle registration reciprocity. Defines the "electric personal assistive mobility device" and regulates its operation. Provides funding for the Iowa County Engineers Association Service Bureau Support Fund. Several provisions take effect upon enactment.

Bill

SF 2207 Relates to the acquisition, enforceability, and purpose of conservation easements.

Motor Vehicle

HF 2112 Requires motor vehicle drivers to take certain precautions when passing a stationary authorized emergency, towing, recovery, or highway maintenance vehicle. The bill requires drivers, absent another direction from a peace officer, to change lanes to a lane that is not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or, if a lane change is not possible or would be unsafe, to reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable speed that is less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop. The requirement only applies when the stationary vehicle is displaying the appropriate flashing lights. The bill also makes a violation of the new requirement a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$50.

Provides that persons who commit a third or subsequent operating while intoxicated (OWI) offense be committed to the custody of the director of the Department of Corrections (DOC) for an indeterminate term not to exceed five years with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of 30 days, and assessed a fine of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$7,500. The bill also provides that if the court does not suspend the person's sentence, the person shall be assigned to an OWI treatment facility pursuant to Code section 904.513. If the court suspends the person's sentence, the court shall commit the person to the custody of the director of the DOC, and shall order the person to serve at least 30 days but not more than one year in the county jail, and the person may be committed to treatment in the community.

Relates to administrative procedures of county treasurers for property taxation and vehicle registration. Requires the DOT to create electronic files for vehicle registration purposes to assist county treasurers in the sending of statements of registration fees due on vehicles and collection of the fees. Provides that the statement may be mailed or electronically transmitted.

RIII #

HF 2365	Amends Code sections related to certain documents recorded with the county recorder and related to the issuance of certificates of title for snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and certain water craft.
HF 2515	Relates to the duties and operation of the Department of Education (DOE) and school boards. Transfers the responsibilities for programming an approved driver education course from the DOE to the DOT and amends the definition of student for the purposes of providing driver education. Amends the procedures related to licensing and authorizing a person to drive a school bus.
SF 437	Relates to the registration and titling of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles, regulation of two-wheeled off-road motorcycles, and the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on public land without a measurable snow cover.
SF 2079	Eliminates the requirement that an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile fly a safety flag or pennant on the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile when operated on a public highway, street, or road.
SF 2084	Relates to franchises involved in the sale of certain vehicles, including suppliers and dealers of all-terrain vehicles, and to agricultural equipment dealership agreements.
SF 2156	Authorizes all counties not served by a permanent DOT facility to issue driver's licenses, nonoperator identification cards, and persons with disabilities identification devices on a permanent basis if the county meets the DOT's standards for issuance.

Bill

SF 2192i

Relates to highway and motor vehicle transportation policy, including changes related to condemnation, the quadrennial need study of public roads, government markers, the issuance of driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards, motor vehicle accident reports, livestock vehicles, proof of financial responsibility, annual permits for overdimensional and overweight vehicles with indivisible loads, motor vehicle dealers, and commercial vehicle registration reciprocity. Defines the "electric personal assistive mobility device" and regulates its operation. Provides funding for the Iowa County Engineers Association Service Bureau Support Fund. Several provisions take effect upon enactment.

SF 2195

Relates to the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. Expands the definition of "document of gift" to include a written statement attached to or imprinted or noted on a driver's license or a nonoperator's identification card.

Transportation - Other

HF 2193i

Relates to modal transportation, including changes in transit coordination requirements and changes in the aircraft registration process.

SCR 104

Urges Congress to provide immediate funding to modernize the lock and dam infrastructure on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers Inland Waterways Transportation System.

SF 2051

Creates a state interagency Missouri River Authority to represent Iowa as a member of the Missouri River Basin Association and defines the authority's responsibilities. Membership includes the Governor or the Governor's designee, the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee, the chairperson of the Utilities Board or the chairperson's designee, and the directors of the Department of Natural Resources, the DOT, and the Department of Economic Development or their designees. The director of the Department of Natural Resources shall serve as the coordinator of the authority's activities and shall serve as chairperson of the authority in the absence of the Governor.

Bill

Government and Administration

- HF 2446 Provides that the General Assembly consider the proposed Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, as adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, during the 2003 Regular Session rather than during the 2002 Regular Session.
- HF 2532 Relates to various public retirement systems, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System.
- Relates to advertisements for bids and proposals for the purchase of materials and supplies with public funds. Provides that, in addition to any method of advertisement required by law, any executive branch agency, the General Assembly, and the judicial branch shall advertise any request for bids and proposals on the official state internet site.
- Relates to the administration of various taxes by the Department of Revenue and Finance (DRF), including sales, use, motor fuel, and special fuel taxes. Amends Code sections 422.42 and 422.47 to exempt a contractor, subcontractor, or builder from the payment of sales tax on the purchase of building materials, supplies, and equipment if such property will be used in the performance of a construction contract with an entity that is exempt from payment of the sales tax, and proper documentation is presented to the retailer. Provides that the amendments to Code sections 422.42 and 422.47 take effect January 1, 2003 and apply to construction contracts entered into on or after that date. Makes other changes to various tax collection and reporting methods.
- SF 165 Establishes English as the official language of government in Iowa, to be utilized in official proceedings, records, meetings, and publications. Several exceptions to the provision are specified, including oral or written communications at driver's license stations.

Bill

- SF 2098 Relates to the criminal offenses of unauthorized computer access and criminal mischief. A person commits the crime of unauthorized computer access if a person knowingly and without authorization accesses a computer, computer system, or computer network. Provides for aggravated, serious, and simple misdemeanors.
- SF 2124 Relates to the Department of Public Defense, and requires a state employee to take a full day of leave or compensatory time on any day in which the employee receives a full day's pay from federal funds for national guard duty.
- Establishes the Iowa State Health Insurance Administration Fund in the treasurer's office to receive the proceeds of a monthly per contract administrative charge assessed on all health insurance plans administered by the Department of Personnel (DOP). The DOT is required to remit the administrative charge on a monthly basis to the Department of Revenue and Finance (DRF) and report to the DRF the number and type of health insurance contracts held by each of its employees whose health insurance is administered by the DOP. The administrative charge for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 is \$2 per contract. The provisions of the Act are repealed on July 1, 2007.
- SF 2201 Makes nonsubstantive Code corrections.
- SF 2275 Makes statutory corrections which adjust language to reflect current practices, insert earlier omissions, delete redundancies, correct inaccuracies, delete temporary language, resolve inconsistencies and conflicts, update ongoing provisions, or remove ambiguities. Strikes language in Code chapter 56 related to the placement of campaign yard signs, in response to a 1995 court decision. Includes various amendments to Code chapters 321, 321J, and 322C, related to motor vehicles. Includes miscellaneous other amendments.

Bill

SF 2277	Creates a new category of confidential public records in the custody of a public airport, municipal corporation, municipal utility, or rural water district, where disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security or the public health and safety of the citizens served by that public entity. Allows a governmental body to hold a closed session to discuss such confidential records. These provisions are repealed on June 30, 2007.
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- SF 2305 Relates to the administration of the tax and related laws by the Department of Revenue and Finance, including administration of state individual income, corporate income, sales and use, property, motor fuel, and special fuel.
- SF 2321 Relates to sales and use taxes by requiring the Department of Revenue and Finance to collect data concerning the extent of electronic commerce within Iowa and the net gains or losses in tax revenues as a result of electronic commerce. Establishes a committee to meet with similar delegations from other states to discuss ways to simplify and modernize sales and use taxes, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly.
- SF 2325 Reorganizes the duties of the Department of Inspections and Appeals, reorganizes the structure of the Department of Natural Resources, codifies the existence of the Oversight Committee of the Legislative Council and directs the committee to perform an annual review of selected executive and judicial branch agencies, and makes other regulatory changes.

NOTE: Bills or proposals initiated by the DOT are shown in bold-face type.

A full or partial bill explanation is included for these bills.